

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Purpose: A Fire Safety Advisor may be required whenever an activity takes place at any location within the jurisdiction of the Department which presents a hazard to private industry and where the public is NOT present. Refer to the Fire Code Section 2501.18, Inspection Guide #14 and Procedure #9 for additional responsibilities of the Fire Safety Advisor's position. For in depth specific information on the duties of the Fire Safety Advisor, consult the FIRE SAFETY ADVISORS manual of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.
- B. Scope: This regulation shall apply to all individuals, companies or corporations whose filming activities may jeopardize those other than the general public.
- C. Author: The Deputy Chief of the Prevention Services Bureau, through the Assistant Fire Chief (Fire Marshal) of the Prevention Division, is responsible for the content, revision and periodic review of this regulation.
- D. Definition: A Fire Safety Advisor is a retired member of this Department certified as a Fire Safety Advisor, temporarily hired by private industry in an advisory capacity. Such advisors shall be in proper uniform and are considered to be under the orders of the Fire Chief.

II. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Owner, Agent or Lessee: When a Fire Safety Advisor is required at any location or activity, the owner, agent or lessee shall be required to hire the Fire Safety Advisor on a temporary basis. Said owner, agent or lessee shall provide for the State of California Worker's Compensation Insurance and payment made directly to the Fire Safety Advisor for services rendered. The Financial Management Division is responsible for governing the fee structure.

III. POLICY

- A. A Fire Safety Advisor shall be provided whenever it is determined that a proposed activity, process or operation may jeopardize the safety of those conducting such functions; or the property thereof or adjacent thereto, and does not jeopardize the safety of the general public.

IV. PROCEDURES

B. Fire Safety Advisors are required for the following activities:

1. Productions involving special effects (i.e. any open flame, bullet hits) and stunts.
2. Productions or activities involving helicopters; refueling, helicopter stunts, and or location take off and landings or the use of aircraft requires a waiver of Federal Aviation Regulations Section 91.119(b) and (c).
3. Interior productions, closed to the public (anyone not connected or employed by the Production Company), where cast and crew exceed 50 members.

Note: Approved studio occupancies are not required to have a Fire Safety Advisor unless special effects or stunts are to be involved.

C. A Fire Safety Advisor may be required at the following activities or locations:

1. Activities occurring in hazardous vegetative areas. Refer to very high fire severity zones for further definition.
2. All film productions over 80 "cast and crew." These productions require Department notification and FSA (Fire Safety Advisors) requirements will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
3. Productions involving refueling operations. Refueling of minor equipment from safety cans (10 gallons maximum) is exempt.
4. Productions occurring at locations utilized as emergency access areas and other locations deemed by the Fire Marshal.

D. Fire Safety Advisors are required to contact the Production Company at least one day prior to the actual filming to verify the date, time, and location. However, location managers should contact the Public Safety and Film Unit Coordinator at 310-358-2397 the day prior to the production to confirm who is assigned to the production and to get that individuals name and home telephone number.

E. Basic Requirements for FSA Certification are:

1. Applicant must have been a former employee of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department with a minimum of 10 years experience in fire suppression and/or fire prevention.
2. Meet the minimum physical requirements for the position of a County of Los Angeles Fire Department Fire Safety Advisor.
3. Successful completion of FSA Certification course.

Note: For clarification of Items #2 and #3 contact the Public Safety and Film Unit.

F. Variations: Any variation from this regulation shall be approved by the Fire Marshal.